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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BRAZILIAN FONMIN

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1. MARIO GIBSON BARBOSA, BRAZILIAN FONMIN, ARRIVED IN BOGOTA AT 5:45 P. M. ON JUNE 18 WITH HIS WIFE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICIAL PARTY FOR A THREE- DAY VISIT TO COLOMBIA.

2. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE NEWS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE TO THE VISIT.

3. GIBSON BARBOZA WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT PASTRANA ON JUNE 19 AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVE ROUND OF SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES.

4. COLOMBIAN FONMIN VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA SAID BEFORE GIBSON ARRIVED THAT THE PRINCIPLE TOPICS OF CONVERSATION WILL BE:
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PROGRAMS FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF COAL (COLOMBIA HAS LARGE DEPOSITS OF SOFT COAL IN THE EASTERN CORDILLERA OF THE ANDES).

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN THE PUTUMAYO AREA, AND THE COORDINATION OF PLANS FOR THE AMAZON AREAS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA ALSO SAID THAT BRAZIL' S RELATIONS WITH THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS WILL DISCUSSED. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT A JOINT DECLARATION ON THE PRESERVATION OF FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE AMAZON REGION WILL BE ISSUED BY THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS.

5. AT A BANQUET IN HIS HONOR JUNE 18, BIGSON BARBOSA EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMAZON.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO EARLY COLOMBIAN BRAZILIAN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A COFFEE AGREEMENT AND ADDED, " COLLECTIVE POLITICAL SECURITY CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY... IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT BOTH POVERTY AND WEALTH ARE CONTAGIOUS, THAT PEACE IS SYNOYMOUS WITH DEVELOPMENT, THAT ALL STATES HAVE THE DUTY TO HELP ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER STATES AND TO AVOID ACTIONS THAT SLOW COLLECTIVE PROGRESS. ONLY ABSOLUTE AND CONSTANT FIDELITY BY THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED NATIONS TO THESE PRINCIPLES CAN GIVE CONTINUITY TO A PROCESS THAT WAS INITIATED WITH SO MANY HOPES." IN HIS SPEECH, FONMIN VAZQUEZ SAID THAT CURRENT PRICES FOR COFFEE ARE NOT HIGH, GIVEN THE COST OF GOODS FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO THE OAS, HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONE OF REVISING THE ARTICLES OF THE CHARTER, BUT RATHER OF COORDINATING A NEW HEMISPHERIC ECONOMIC POLICY THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRES OF LATIN AMERICA. SACCIO

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